

Appeals against Internally Assessed Marks

GCSE controlled assessments & GCE coursework units

St Joseph's College is committed to ensuring that whenever its staff mark candidates' work, this is done fairly, consistently and in accordance with the awarding body's specification and subject-specific associated documents.

Candidates' work will be marked by staff who have appropriate knowledge, understanding and skills, and who have been trained in this activity. St Joseph's College is committed to ensuring that work produced by candidates is authenticated in line with the requirements of the awarding body. Where a number of subject teachers are involved in marking candidates' work, internal moderation and standardisation will ensure consistency of marking.

If a candidate believes that the above may not have happened in relation to his/her work, he/she may make use of this appeals' procedure.

Please note that an appeal may only be made against the assessment process and not against the mark submitted to the awarding body. Additionally:

1. St Joseph's College will ensure that candidates are informed of their centre-assessed marks, so that they may request a review of the centre's marking before marks are submitted to the awarding body.
2. Appeals should be made as early as possible, and no later than two weeks before the externally set submission deadline for the work involved.
3. Requests for reviews of marking must be made in writing by the candidate's parent/guardian to the College's Examinations Officer.
4. The purpose of the appeal will be to decide whether the process used for internal assessment conformed to the awarding body's specification and to the subject specific associated documents.
5. St Joseph's College will ensure that the review of marking is carried out by an assessor who has appropriate competence, has had no previous involvement in the assessment of that candidate for that subject and has no personal interest in the review.
6. St Joseph's College will inform candidates that they may request copies of materials to assist them in considering whether to request a review of the centre's marking of the assessment.
7. St Joseph's College will, having received a request for copies of materials, promptly make them available to the candidate.



8. St Joseph's College will provide candidates with sufficient time in order to allow them to review copies of materials and reach a decision.
9. St Joseph's College will allow sufficient time for the review to be carried out, to make any necessary changes to marks and to inform the candidate of the outcome, all before the awarding body's deadline.
10. St Joseph's College will instruct the reviewer to ensure that the candidate's mark is consistent with the standard set by the centre.
11. The candidate will be informed in writing of the outcome of the review of the centre's marking.
12. The outcome of the review of the centre's marking will be made known to the Head of Centre and will be logged as a complaint. A written record will be kept and made available to the awarding body upon request. Should the review of the centre's marking bring any irregularity in procedures to light, the awarding body will be informed immediately.

After candidates' work has been internally assessed, it is moderated by the awarding body to ensure consistency in marking between centres. The moderation process may lead to mark changes. This process is outside the control of St Joseph's College and is not covered by this procedure.

Please contact Mr Cinnamon, Vice Principal Academic, should you any questions regarding this document.

